

## CHAPTER 295.

AN ACT to add a new article to the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, under the title of "Immigration," establishing a Bureau of Immigration in and for the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new article be and the same is hereby added to the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, under the title of "Immigration," which shall be as follows: New article.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* There is hereby established within and for the State of Maryland, a Bureau of Immigration to encourage immigration to this State. Bureau of immigration.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* There shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, once in every two years, a board of immigration commissioners, composed of three members, one of whom shall be president of the board, and one of whom shall be State Superintendent of Immigration, and shall be so designated in his appointment; the said commissioners shall be appointed for a term of two years, and until their successors are duly qualified; the State superintendent shall receive a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly, upon the warrant of the Comptroller, and the other two commissioners shall serve without compensation, except for their actual expenses in attending the meetings of the board. Board of immigration.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the State Superintendent of Immigration shall be a man of good character and capacity, a citizen of the State of Maryland, and shall give bond to the State of Maryland in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Governor, conditioned for the faithful and efficient discharge of the duties of his office. Superintendent of immigration.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the Board of Immigration Commissioners shall procure a good and sufficient office in the city of Baltimore, well located for the purpose, for which the Bureau of Immigration is established, which shall be kept open daily during the year from nine o'clock A. M. to five o'clock P. M., in which said office shall be kept conveniently, for ready reference, maps, pamphlets and other statistics, fully and clearly descriptive of the geographical position of each county of the State, its agricultural and other Office of board.